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SUBJECT: SENIOR GREEK MILITARY PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

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1. GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED NINE SENIOR ARMED FORCES PROMOTIONS. THEY ARE: HELLENIC ARMY - FROM MG TO LTG: AGAMEMNON GRATZIOS, CG XII INFO. DIVK.; LAMBROS STATHOPOULOS, DIRECTOR KYP; ATHANASIOS EPITIDIOS, CG VIII INF. DIV.; GEORGE SALAHORIS, CG XX ARMORED DIVISION. HELLENIC AIR FORCE - FROM BF TO MG: CONSTANTINE PAPASPIRIDIS, DIRECTOR AIR FORCE CONSTRUCTION BRANCH. HELLENIC NAVY - FROM COMMODORE TO RADM: DEMOSTHENES MANOUSAKIS, DIRECTOR 1ST JOINT STAFF GROUP, SHAF; KYROS KOUMANAKOS, COMMANDER SOUDA BAY NAVAL BASE; SPYRIDON KAPSALES, DIRECTOR, A DIVISION HNC; MENELAOS PASSAS, DIRECTOR, RESEARCH DIRECTORATE, SHAF.

2. THESE PROMOTIONS APPEAR TO REFLECT LOGICAL MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS AND NOT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. AMONG THE KEY ARMY PROMOTIONS, STATHOPOULOS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS IOANNIDES' MAN; ON OTHER HAND, SALAHORIS IS NOT CONSIDERED CLOSE TO IOANNIDES; AND GRATZIOS IS A KNOWN ROYALIST. THE FACT THAT THE INCUMBENTS REMAIN IN THE  
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THREE SENIOR ARMY COMMANDS IS ALSO WORTH NOTING.

3. REF DATT REPORT PROVIDES BACK-UP ANALYSIS. WHEN PROMOTIONS AMONG SENIOR RANKS ARE COMPLETED FURTHER COMMENTS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

4. REAR ADMIRAL PATROLOS KONIALIS, VICE CHIEF, HELLENIC NAVY, IS RETIRING, NOT BECAUSE OF BEING PASSED OVER. WE UNDERSTAND HE WILL BE PROMOTED IN RETIREMENT TO VADM AND RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY AS A RESERVE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF GREEK DELEGATION TO LOS CONFERENCE. HE HAS ALSO BEEN OFFERED POST OF GREEK NATO MILREP AT BRUSSELS.  
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